

NEWS FROM ALL VIRGINIA

MERCHANTS' FAIR GREAT SUCCESS

Miss Bessie Dabney Prize-Winner as Most Popular Lady.
Miss Haile Second.

AWARD MANY PREMIUMS

Ladies Who Excel in House-keeping and Men of Distinction Win Prizes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., December 20.—The Merchants' Fair and Carnival closed Monday night with the voting contest for the most popular young lady, in which Miss Bessie Dabney came out winner, receiving 450 votes, and was presented with the handsome picture offered by the Chesapeake Club. Miss Virginia Haile was the next highest, receiving 375 votes. The list of candidates was long, but the two mentioned above were the only two to receive over 500 votes. The voting was very exciting just before the ballot boxes were closed, and the supporters of the leading candidates were confident of their favorite winning.

The fair and carnival was in every way successful, and though the crowds of the two first days were small this was overcome by the large crowd present on Saturday and Sunday night. The fireworks display on Saturday night was very good and much enjoyed by the large crowd, which witnessed it. The poultry exhibit was exceptionally good, as was also the exhibit of needle and fancy work. Most of the town merchants had booths in the exhibit hall, all of which were very creditable, and were the subject of much favorable comment. At night the throwers of confetti came in for their share of the fun, which was repeated every night except Monday, which was prevented only by the rainy weather.

Prize-Winners.

The following were prize winners: Best home-made patchwork quilt, Mrs. C. C. Giles; best home-made coverlet, Mrs. R. E. Terry; best embroidered colored centrepiece, J. C. Anderson; best knit scarf, Sissy Watkins; best hand-embroidered handkerchiefs, Mrs. R. E. L. Ayler; best hand-embroidered centrepiece, Mrs. C. S. B. Yeatts; best apple butter, Mrs. R. G. Bennett; best quince jelly, Mrs. Donnie Giles; best grape jelly, Mrs. Donnie Giles; best sweet pickles, Mrs. Whitman; best catsup, Mrs. Donnie Giles; best pie, any kind, Mrs. M. F. Yates; best pound of candy, Mrs. M. F. Yates; best pound of country butter, Mrs. B. W. Jones; oldest son, Mrs. Whitman; Poultry and pet stock: Best pair of any variety, Le P. Clyde; best pair of barred-rock pullets, Dr. W. T. Canada; best barred-rock cockerels, W. A. Cherry; heaviest rooster, W. A. Cherry; heaviest turkey, Mrs. Mary T. Hedrick; best pair white rocks, M. T. Vaden; best pair white Wyandots, M. T. Vaden.

Plants, pictures and, etc.: Best exhibit of potted plants, Mrs. H. Vicoello; best exhibit ferns, Mrs. W. T. Canada; best exhibit flowers in bloom, Whitehead & Son; best penmanship, Miss Lucile Spruce; best painting, county work, Miss Annie Davis; oldest book, 1724, Dr. J. S. Haile; best display of wood-carving, Mrs. Bennett; best drawing by public school pupil, Miss Viva Morris.

Vegetables.

Best peck of Irish potatoes, Rev. R. E. L. Ayler.
Heaviest pumpkin, Miss Lella Petty.
Best six ears of corn, R. H. Neal.
Best quart of wheat, P. W. Self.
Heaviest turnip, L. T. Hodges.

Specials.

Heaviest man at the fair, R. M. Shel.

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Heaviest woman at the fair, Miss Cassio Yeatts.
Tallest man, J. J. Edwards.
Prettiest girl, Miss Kate Reynolds.
Homeliest man, J. H. Hedrick.
Best pound of leaf tobacco, P. W. Self.
Handsomest baby under one year old, Mrs. George C. Motley.
Handsomest baby one to two years old, Mrs. Eunice Barbour.
Handsomest baby one to two years old, Mrs. Dillard Shields.
Heaviest baby one to two years old, Lee Jones.
Heaviest baby two to three years old, Mrs. C. M. Tredway.
Heaviest baby two to three years old, Mrs. A. B. Haden.
The Pittsylvania County Fair Association was organized Wednesday afternoon, with the following officers: J. E. Lanier, president; J. L. Carter, vice-president; Lee P. Clyde, secretary; O. S. B. Yeatts, treasurer; Directors, J. E. Lanier, J. L. Carter, L. P. Clyde, O. S. B. Yeatts, J. W. Collier and G. E. Thompson. Capital stock not to exceed \$5000.
The next fair will be held on the 17th, 18th and 19th of September, 1907.

OPPOSED TO HIS GOING.

Votes Against Dissolving Pastoral Relations of Dr. Fleming.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—The Montgomery Presbytery at a called meeting here late to-day refused to defer action until April, as requested by the congregation, and voted against dissolving the pastoral relations of Dr. R. H. Fleming and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Dr. Fleming did not state to what charge he had been called.
The Presbytery will meet again on December 27th to provide for Dr. Fleming. Dr. Sevier, of Third Church, this city, to go to Second Church in Alexandria.

FIND BANK TELLER DEAD IN HIS BED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARRISONBURG, VA., December 20.—Eugene Strayer, the teller of the Rockingham National Bank, of Harrisonburg, was found dead in his room this morning by a member of the family, who went to call him to breakfast. He had retired last night apparently as well as usual, though he had not been in robust health for some months. Mr. Strayer was the last surviving member of his father's family, being a younger brother of the late Henry V. Strayer, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician. He was forty-nine years of age. He leaves a maiden aunt and two daughters.

THINK NEGRO TRYING TO KILL WITNESSES

GATE CITY, VA., December 20.—The negro murderer, who broke jail here last night, was seen at 5 o'clock this afternoon near the railroad works, where he committed the murder.
Sheriff Broadwater and deputies have gone there, and it is probable they will take the negro to-night. It is thought he is staying about the works to try to kill some of the witnesses who testified against him. He is a desperate negro, and will probably die before surrendering. His attorney will make no further effort to get his sentence commuted.

DEAF AND DUMB MAY MAKE EXHIBIT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., December 20.—The board of visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind met yesterday and adjourned over until this morning. Very little business was transacted. The suggestion of having an exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition was discussed this morning, and it was decided that there would be no closing exercises at the end of the term, if this was to be done.

Mrs. Bohannon Wins.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, December 20.—Mrs. Mary Bohannon, of Portsmouth, who brought suit in the United States Court for \$500 against the ferry steamer City of Portsmouth, on account of personal injuries sustained while the plaintiff was passing from the steamer to the wharf in Portsmouth last June, was to-day awarded \$500 and costs by Judge Waddill.

SCOTTSVILLE PREPARES FOR ENTERTAINMENTS

Christmas Festivities Will Be Order of the Day Next Week.
River Up Five Feet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., December 20.—The river has risen to a height of five or six feet here within the last day or two, and has seriously interrupted the work on the concrete piers for the bridge.
The Scottsville High School will close Friday for the holidays, and gifts will be presented to the teachers in behalf of the pupils by Dr. J. P. Blair, chairman of the district school board.
The union Sunday School Christmas tree, which was to have been given at the new school building, will be given at the town hall instead. The woodwork of the assembly hall at the school building has just been finished in hard oak, and the gentlemen who have charge of the work think it unsafe to use the room at present, on account of danger from fire.

Dr. W. C. Williams was taken seriously ill on Tuesday evening with acute attack of neuralgia, from which he suffered all night and all day Wednesday. He left for Richmond on No. 10 Wednesday afternoon for special treatment.
Miss James Dorrier has arrived here to spend the holidays at his old home.
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Pitts, of Covington, will spend Christmas week here.
The Rev. Ernest Motley delivered an excellent discourse at the Christian Church Sunday morning.

Mr. R. L. Wade, of Richmond, visited Scottsville this week, and killed a wild turkey weighing fifteen pounds.
Mrs. D. P. Powers and Miss Lucie H. Powers returned from Richmond to-day.

Miss Joseph Pitts has returned from a visit to her brother, Mr. A. L. Pitts, at Arvon.

Miss Carletta Tompkins and Mr. John Tompkins will spend the holidays in Richmond.

Mr. Lindsay Leckie, formerly of this place, passed through here Saturday on his way to Lynchburg.

Miss Mary Dull has returned from a stay of several weeks in Washington.

Miss Margaret Leckie, of Washington, visited her old home, "Refuge," last week.

SHOOT AT MAN IN COURT-ROOM

Postmaster at Monterey Bitterly and Forcibly Resents Insults of Drunken Negro.

CUT BYSTANDER'S SUSPENDER

Bullet Strikes Table and Remains, Narrowly Missing Man Standing Near.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MONTEREY, VA., December 20.—Charles Diggs, a colored barber of Monterey, ran amuck while tanked up with liquor Sunday evening, and, as an aftermath, came near being shot by Postmaster H. M. Slaven, at the magistrate's court to-day. Diggs is a mulatto and vicious when under the influence of drink. Sunday evening, during preaching service at the Methodist Church, Diggs came to the post-office, after having previously been asked to leave, and was again ordered out. Mr. Slaven, the postmaster, who is a cripple and uses a wheel-chair, rolled his chair toward the open door and pushed the drunken fellow out, whereupon he secured a rock, came back to the door, and made use of vile and abusive language and threats. The postmaster, being unarmed and unable to walk at all, could do little to defend himself, though he did throw a heavy canceling stamp at the negro.
Before an officer could be secured Diggs nearly exhausted himself in abusing Mr. Slaven.

Shot at Him in Court.

At the trial to-day before Justice Wilson, Diggs pleaded guilty to being drunk, but claimed to know nothing of his conduct. Mr. Slaven had testified, becoming terribly excited when he referred to the language. While Mr. Edward Beveridge was being examined, and when he reported the vile remark relative to Mrs. Slaven, the enraged husband, who, in his wheel-chair, was sitting near the prisoner, with a burst of emotion drew a pistol from his pocket and fired at the negro as he dodged behind a table and bounded for the open door. The ball struck the table and glanced off, cutting a suspender from the pants of a bystander, who, however, was unhurt.

Diggs was brought back, and after a short time the trial was concluded. His fines and costs amounted to \$41, with ten days in jail and a peace bond of \$300. Mr. Slaven paid a fine for carrying concealed weapons, and will await the action of the grand jury in the other case.

PITTSYLVANIA COURT.

Number of Small Cases Disposed of by Judge Harvey.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., December 20.—The regular December term of Pittsylvania county Circuit Court opened late Monday afternoon, Judge Harvey presiding. Most of the first day's session was devoted to calling the docket after which adjournment was taken until Tuesday. The following cases have been tried: James R. Hall, for causing malicious bodily injury to one Sale, fined \$30, and one hour in the county jail; George Roberts, colored, for shooting one Perrow, acquitted; J. P. Devin, for selling whiskey without license, fined \$30 and cost; W. R. Hines, for selling whiskey without license on two counts, fined \$25 and cost in each case. The trial of William Nance for the murder of his wife, has been set for the first day of January, 1907.
Several criminal cases are yet to be tried.

TRANSATLANTIC STEAMERS TO FAIR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 20.—Steamship lines will be established between European ports and the Jamestown Exposition. Both the North German-Lloyd Company and the Hamburg-American Line will put ships on. The Berliner Tageblatt is authority for the statement. Charles W. Kohlman, commissioner-general of the exposition, also sends the same information.
The German newspaper also says that Germany has officially decided to send several warships to participate in the exposition naval display.

Building a Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUCHANAN, VA., December 20.—The new Methodist Church, under course of construction here, being rapidly pushed to completion. When finished it will be an ornament to the town and a credit to the denomination. The church is located on Main Street, in the central portion of the town. The congregation is worshipping in the Episcopal Church until their own is completed.

The ladies of the Methodist Church held their annual bazaar in the Town Hall on December 18th. The ladies have been indefatigable in their efforts to raise money for the new church.
Mrs. A. E. Owen is very ill at her home in this place.
Miss Loretta Preston Beale has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.
Miss Elizabeth Guerdner, who spent the summer and fall months here, has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga.

Stump Brothers Go to Jury.

STANTON, VA., December 20.—Frank and Kirby Stump, on trial here for several days, charged with stealing a number of turkeys, were sent on this afternoon to the Circuit Court to be tried by a jury. They were admitted to bail.

HOTEL MEN WILL MEET IN NORFOLK

Change Plans of Meeting in Roanoke on Account of Another Convention.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 20.—Contrary to previous arrangements, the members of the Virginia Hotel Men's Association will meet here next January, instead of in Roanoke. This change was made because there will be another convention in the Magic City at the time, and the hotel men are of the opinion that their former plans would place them at an inconvenience. This meeting will be held at the Pine Beach Hotel, and will last two days, January 8th and 9th. A great many members are expected to attend.
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NAMES COMMITTEE FOR EXPOSITION

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
EUREKA MILLS, VA., December 20.—Mr. J. C. Carrington, county commissioner, has appointed the following committees to collect exhibits for the Jamestown Exposition:
On dark tobacco—S. C. Daniel, W. T. Marshall, W. D. Rice, J. E. Robertson, J. B. Vaughan, Cameron Dunlop, T. W. Scott.

On bright tobacco—B. D. Adams, S. C. Newcomb, R. E. Pettus, C. A. Osborne, R. W. Payne, G. B. Russell.

On cereals and grasses—H. C. Rice, C. M. Bruce, G. W. Berkeley, G. B. Hannah, Lee W. Morton, W. G. Kelbridge, L. S. Jackson.

On minerals and ores—R. V. Gaines, F. S. Jennings, G. W. Watson, Thomas McNeen, C. B. Robertson, W. F. Cunningham.

On timber—W. E. Scott, R. B. Holt, W. H. Smith, W. H. Crafts, C. C. Paris, A. W. Donald, T. Z. Morgan.

On fruits—A. B. Rice, W. S. Morton, W. G. Williams, S. C. Adams, J. P. Purcell.

On poultry—S. D. Morton, J. W. Howard, A. H. Zollinger, David Endalley, C. C. Griffith.

On bee culture—N. L. Shaw, S. R. Adams, R. B. Moore, J. B. Fairs.

Mrs. N. K. Guthrie is chairman for ladies.

Roanoke District—Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mrs. E. F. Daniel.

Madison District—Mrs. S. C. Daniel, Mrs. W. S. Pugh, Miss Emma Ford.

Central District—Miss M. W. Gaines, Mrs. W. H. Pettus, Jr., Mrs. G. B. Russell.

Wilton District—Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Mrs. J. B. Vaughan, Mrs. Lee W. Morton.

Bacon District—Mrs. J. H. Hatch, Mrs. H. S. Smith, Mrs. B. D. Adams.

Midway District—Mrs. L. P. Bailey, Mrs. S. M. Clay, Mrs. H. N. Andrews.

The ladies are to collect for exhibition specimens of their handwork, preserves, pickles, jellies, canned and dried fruits and other articles of housekeeping, and of the culinary department.

Get Christmas Money.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SPENCER, N. C., December 20.—The employees of the Southern Railway at this place, as well as at all points on the system, to-day received their Christmas check, being in payment for their labor for November. The pay-roll was exceedingly large this month, being the first pay-day following the strike inaugurated October 5th, since which the mechanics have lost a month's time all over the system. Many of the Spencer employees go to their old homes in various States to spend the holidays.

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EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN V. P. I. BOARD

Resolutions of Alumni, Now Given to Public, Urge Man of Highest Quality.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSBURG, VA., December 20.—The committee of five appointed by the chairman of the General Alumni Association of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, held in Roanoke last Friday evening, have made public, through the secretary, Dr. F. D. Wilson, the following resolutions which were adopted at this meeting, and which it was impossible, on account of the lateness of adjournment, to give in full to the press at that time. These resolutions were unanimously adopted by the committee, and a copy will be mailed to each member of the association, as well as published in the State press. Much satisfaction has been expressed at the outcome of this meeting, and it is regarded as expressing the deep interest which the alumni feel in the question of a successor to Dr. McBryde, that so many associations were represented either by delegates present or resolutions presented through the secretary. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, The Virginia Polytechnic Institute, under the management of President J. M. McBryde, has taken a place in the front rank of the educational institutions of Virginia and of the country; and

Whereas, This position can only be maintained by the continuous and judicious and efficient management; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the alumni of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute:

First, That they learn with profound regret of Dr. McBryde's determination to retire from the presidency of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Second, That we hereby register our unanimous conviction that the duties and responsibilities of this position and the future welfare of the institution imperatively demand that Dr. McBryde's successor should be a man of proved executive ability, a thoroughly-trained and experienced educator, of liberal education, and of the greatest culture, but fully in sympathy with and earnestly desirous of advancing horticultural, industrial and agricultural education as exemplified in the most advanced institutions, and they respectfully urge the Honorable Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute not to act hastily, but to secure such a man for the position, believing that nothing less will be just to the institution of the State.

Third, That they express confidence in the board of visitors, and pledge to them their unqualified support.

Fourth, That we feel a just pride in the great progress and prosperity that has attended the wise and efficient administration of Dr. J. M. McBryde as president of the college, and hereby express our sincere regret that he should retire from the exacting duties of the office, and we do hereby tender to our honored president our sincerest sympathies and indulge the hope that he will be speedily restored to health and may long be spared to continue his usefulness in the educational world. It is further resolved, that the committee for the welfare of the institution be, and it is hereby, instructed, to present in person these resolutions to the board of visitors at its next meeting in Blacksburg on the 17th day of January.

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